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Fishing Fleet Movements.

Sch. Colonial arrived at Canso on Thursday last and sch. Mooween sailed from there on the same date. Sch. Muriel arrived at Shelburne Friday last and cleared for the fishing ground. Sch. Bohemia in search of bait arrived at Canso Wednesday last and sch. Thomas S. Gorton sailed from there on the same date. Sch. Senator Saulsbury arrived at Shelburne Wednesday last and sch. Jubilee at Liverpool. One American fishing vessel passed Mulgrave Wednesday last, bound south.

Sch. Blanche Among Leaders of Dory Handline Fleet.

Sch. Blanche of this port, from which vessel James Lennox and John Muise went astray about 10 days ago, had 156 tubs of fish at that time and with few exceptions was about highline of the dory handline fleet.

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Fish Coming to Portland.

Word has been received by J. W. Trefethen of Portland that sch. Angie B. Watson, which has been fishing off the Cape Breton coast is on her way there with 35,000 pounds of halibut and salmon and would arrive early next week. This firm also received Saturday 30 barrels of mackerel in nets at St. Peters. Also Saturday 30 boxes of halibut and 50 boxes of salmon, were received by them which were shipped from their firm at Lingon, C. B.

Halibut Sales.

The fare of halibut of sch. Cavalier was sold to the American Halibut Company at 11 cents per pound for white and 9 cents for gray. The fares of sch. Corona and Dictator were sold to the New England Company at 10 1/4 cents per pound for white and 8 1/2 cents for gray. These are the highest prices paid at this season in a long time.

Bait Plentiful at Liverpool, N. S.

A special dispatch to the Times from D. C. Mulhall, at Liverpool, N. S., reports 1000 barrels of bait in traps at St. Margaret's bay and Hubbard's, N. S., vessels seeking bait will find no difficulty in procuring it there.

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Good Stock.

Sch. Teazer, Capt. Dunskey, which arrived Wednesday from a halibut trip made the fine stock of \$28,000, while the crew shared \$84.95 each. This is one of the best fresh halibut trips made this season.

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HALIBUT AT PORTLAND.

Two fares of fresh halibut are at Portland today, sch. Catherine Burke with 15,000 pounds and sch. Margaret with 7000 pounds.

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Spoken.

Capt. Augustus G. Hall of sch. Catherine Burke, which arrived from a halibut trip yesterday, reports speaking Capt. Vale of sch. Titania 30 miles west northwest from western light of Sable Island, who reported having 200 quintals on the day of speaking. Capt. Vale reported having found some squid on the ground and the dories had made a good catch that morning, but found nothing in the afternoon. All on board were well and wished to be reported.

First Swordfish.

The first swordfish brought to Newport this season was landed yesterday by sch. Priscilla which was sold for 18 cents per pound and shipped to Boston. Today 22 of those fish were landed at Boston from sch. Valentina and sold at 19 cents per pound.

Codfish Sales.

The big fare of salt and fresh cod of sch. Raymah was sold to Davis Bros. The fare of fresh and salt codfish of sch. Dictator went to the Cunningham & Thompson Co. The big fare of 290,000 pounds of salt cod of sch. Hazel R. Hines sold to Fred Bradley and George Perkins & Son.

Sch. Massachusetts Home.

Sch. Massachusetts, one of the Cape Shore seiners, which was dismasted and towed into Sydney, C. B., where she was temporarily rigged with a jury outfit, arrived here today without the aid of a tow boat.

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COUNSEL FOR GREAT BRITAIN DISPUTES AMERICAN CLAIMS.

Contends That British Jurisdiction Covers All the Waters in Bays.

Quotes Authorities as Showing Original Intent of Treaty.

Wednesday, the second day of work or third session, for the Hague tribunal was taken up entirely by the covering of a very short space of time and a very few events by Sir Robert Finlay, in the continuation of his opening remarks. Taking up the thread of his argument where he left it the day before, on the events immediately preceding the treaty of 1818 and approaching those of 1836, he covered those intervening, which had any bearing on the case, from the British point of view, in an elaborate and very extended manner. Adjournment over to Thursday was made, when Sir Robert will again continue.

In his consideration farther of the correspondence of 1815 and 1816, Sir Robert called attention to his contention that the understanding alleged in the argument of the United States to have existed as to the British claim to jurisdiction applying only to bays included within the limit of three miles was absolutely unknown to all those concerned in the negotiation of the treaty of 1818.

Throughout all his morning remarks he read extracts from letters and memoirs of John Quincy Adams, Henderson and Pomeroy, the authors, Lord Bathurst, Lord Castlereagh and Daniel Webster, all of which he claimed sustained his contention.

Counsel Claimed United States Position Untenable.

He claimed that the position of the United States case on this point of three mile limit jurisdiction of bays was absolutely unsustainable, and that those conversant with the negotiations never entertained any idea that the claim of Great Britain was limited in the manner contended.

He stated that Great Britain regarded the liberty of the United States fishing in British waters as ended by the war of 1812, and strongly disputed the United States' contention that the treaty of 1783 was of a peculiar nature and not affected by the war of 1812 in its provisions or concessions as to the fisheries.

He claimed that the liberty which the inhabitants of the colonies which became the United States enjoyed in respect to fishing on the coasts of the colonies which retained their allegiance to the Crown, was liberty enjoyed as British subjects, and when they declared their independence, these liberties necessarily ceased, and that when the independence was recognized, the citizens of the United States were on the same footing as regards Great Britain and her loyal colonies as any other foreign state. And when the treaty of 1783 was entered upon, on a basis of recognition of the independence of the United States, the liberties granted under that treaty with respect to fishing on the coasts and in the bays of British possessions was the grant of a new liberty.

Sir Robert then claimed that during the war of 1812 the fishermen of the United States were excluded from these above mentioned fisheries.

Mackerel Fishery Cause of Renewal of Controversy.

Continuing, he said that from 1819 to 1836, there was very little happened in reference to the controversy. About 1836, he said, a great change took place, owing to the fact that the mackerel, that fish which is caught in such quantities along these

coasts, ceased to frequent the coast of the United States, so that the American fishermen came in much greater numbers to the coast of the British colonies in pursuit of them.

During this period, from 1819 to 1836, there were only two points, he said, to which he wanted to refer. The first related to a sort of collision between the United States and France regarding the exclusion by French vessels of United States fishermen from bays on the west coast of Newfoundland, over which the French, under their treaties, claimed exclusive rights.

He called attention to this matter, he said, in order to show that, by the correspondence between the United States and France, the former admitted, to a considerable extent, the jurisdiction of Great Britain over these bays—Bay of Islands, Port au Port bay and Bay of St. George, these being the ones in which the incidents of the United States fishermen being warned off by the French occurred.

Disputes Place of Fishing in Bay of Fundy.

The second matter was relating to a statement in the argument of the American case to the effect that it established by overwhelming evidence that American fishermen during years before 1836 had habitually fished in the Bay of Fundy and that the British government acquiesces in so doing unless the fishing came within the three mile limit.

This, he claimed, was a complete mis-reading of the evidence and that the fishing was not done in the Bay of Fundy proper, but on the banks outside of and near the bay.

Adjournment came just after Sir Robert had stated this and he will open with it on Thursday morning.

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LOOKED SEA SERPENT.

Portland Fishermen Guessing on Species of Fish Caught There.

It is about as near a sea serpent as anything that has ever been brought into Portland. Some of the fishermen have called it a king herring, whatever that is, and some have called it a king smelt. It was caught by Howard Winock, a member of the sch. Selma's crew. Looking at the fish from all sides and top and bottom it is very evident he is a rare specimen. It is as attenuated as an eel, from the nose to tail fin it measures about four feet and is no thicker than a man's wrist. A sharp pointed wide dorsal fin runs along the back and the whole body is about the color of a smelt. Then there are some wicked looking jaws, with big sharp teeth, opening about four inches when stretched to their utmost. The fish looks as if he might be capable of great speed through the water as well as capable of great destructiveness.

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DOZEN NETTERS LAND AT NEWPORT.

Little Information Relative to Mackerel Fleet.

The only news from the mackerel fleet today is the reported arrival of a half dozen netters at Newport and one at Boston with trips from 600 to 1700 large fresh mackerel. Two vessels have arrived from Cape Shore since last report, with no mackerel, and one with a fare of 102 barrels, and a few more of these to come are reported to have taken no fish.

Most of the seiners are now out off Block Island, but as yet only one of them has taken any fish.

The netters at Newport report fair prospects out there, and it is predicted that some good fishing will be had in July off No Man's Land and vicinity.

It may be that the fish reported Saturday last by Capt. McKinnon of steamer Prince George, 35 miles off Yarmouth were mackerel and that a good school of fish will appear in the Bay of Fundy and along the Maine coast.

The Canadian Fish Bureau reports mackerel schooling off Cape Sable Saturday last. At several places a few mackerel are being taken in nets and traps and fair fishing at Escuminac, Bay Chaleur, this seems to show that there are mackerel all along that coast for more than 600 miles.

Netters at Newport.

Sch. Nautilus, 850 fresh mackerel.

Sch. Florida, 850 fresh mackerel.
Sch. On Time, 850 fresh mackerel.
Sch. Wodan, 850 fresh mackerel.
Sch. Lafayette, 1700 fresh mackerel.
Sch. Conquest, 1000 fresh mackerel.
Sch. Cherokee, 900 fresh mackerel.
Sch. Diana, 1200 fresh mackerel.
Sch. Margaret, 800 fresh mackerel.
Sch. Clara T., 500 fresh mackerel.
Sch. Hobo, 400 fresh mackerel.
Sch. Julietta, 1300 fresh mackerel.

Mackerel in the Gulf of St. Lawrence.

Capt. Robert B. Porper of sch. Cavalier, who arrived here Saturday afternoon from a halibut trip up to Anticosti, reports when off Deadman's Island, one of the northerly group of the Magdalenes, he run through a solid body of mackerel for seven hours. His craft was by the wind, heading southwest, and the mackerel appeared to be going northwest, which would bring them on Banks Bradley and Orphon, and on the ground in sight of Pierce and Gaspee. This is the old time mackerel ground, when the hook and line fishermen made big trips, at the inception of the mackerel fishery and long after. Such an authority as Capt. Sylvanus Smith believes there are just as many mackerel in North Bay now as there ever were, and that their habits have not changed. If the same fleet went down there now with bait as formerly the same good trips would be made.

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FISH PLENTIFUL AT BOSTON.

Market May Have Surplus for the Splitters.

Relief has come to the Boston fish dealers, for the largest number of vessels to arrive for some weeks was at T wharf this morning, so that the market is well supplied and prices have dropped to a low figure.

Among the arrivals is the steam trawler Spray, which craft has been out but five days and has 57,000 pounds of haddock. This craft is meeting with good success for she is making a trip a week and securing a large catch each time.

The aggregate receipts of ground fish are the largest for a month or more and doubtless some will go to Gloucester to the splitters.

Sch. Valentina, the first of the swordfishers, arrived today with 22 fish, which met with ready sale at 19 cents per pound.

A large number of vessels are now engaged hunting swordfish and others are daily following.

One mackerel netter is at Boston today with 600 mackerel which were taken off No Man's Land, and is the third vessel of this character to arrive at Boston this season.

The receipts and prices in detail are:

Boston Arrivals.

Sch. Harriet, 7000 haddock, 23,000 cod, 4000 pollock.

Sch. Matiana, 13,000 haddock, 13,000 cod, 4000 pollock.

Sch. Emma W. Nunan, 6000 haddock, 4000 cod.

Sch. Maud S. Silva, 30,000 haddock, 4000 cod.

Sch. Rose Cabral, 8000 haddock, 2500 cod, 20,000 pollock.

Sch. George E. Lane, Jr., 4000 haddock, 10,000 cod.

Sch. Good Luck, 2000 haddock, 18,000 cod.

Sch. Fannie Belle Atwood, 16,000 haddock, 6000 cod, 5000 hake.

Sch. Spray, 55,000 haddock, 1500 cod.

Sch. Robert and Arthur, 7000 haddock, 4000 cod, 10,000 hake.

Sch. Arbitrator, 5000 haddock, 18,000 cod.

Sch. Ida S. Brooks, 25,000 haddock, 5000 cod.

Sch. Harmony, 7000 haddock, 30,000 cod, 20,000 pollock.

Sch. Louisa R. Silva, 10,000 haddock, 22,000 cod, 13,000 pollock.

Sch. Josephine DeCosta, 10,000 haddock, 40,000 cod, 10,000 pollock.

Sch. Elvah L. Spurling, 8000 haddock, 11,000 cod.

Sch. Valentina, 22 swordfish.

Sch. Grace E. Freeman, 600 mackerel.

Sch. Rose Dorothy, 5000 haddock, 18,000 cod, 12,000 pollock.

Sch. Edward A. Rich, 25,000 cod.

Sch. Flora J. Sears, 11,000 haddock, 2000 cod.

Sch. Mary C. Santos, 1800 haddock, 34,000 cod, 5000 pollock.

Sch. C. A. Dyer, 1800 pollock.

Sch. Emerald, 6100 haddock, 1400 cod.

Sch. Buema, 27,000 haddock, 4000 cod, 8000 hake.

Sch. Mary E. Cooney, 12,000 haddock, 5000 pollock.

Sch. Grace Darling.

Sch. Juniata.

Haddock, \$1.50 to \$1.60; large cod, \$2 to \$2.80; market cod, \$1 to \$2; pollock, \$1; cusk, \$2; hake, \$1.25 to \$2.75; halibut 8 1-2 to 10 1-2 cents per lb.; swordfish, 19 cents per lb.

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SGH. SMUGGLER HAS BIG FARE.

Pollockers Landed a Few Fish Yesterday.

Another big trip of salt bank cod-fish arrived at this port today and the fortunate one is Capt. Peter Porter in the sch. Smuggler, who hails for the fine fare of 275,000 pounds which was caught on Quero and Gulf grounds.

Capt. Porter is one of the youngest skippers sailing out of this port, as well as one of the most competent, and his many friends will be pleased to hear of his success. The fare, however, is among the largest brought in by any vessel from this port this season, and will be taken by the Gorton-Pew Fisheries Company, the owners of the vessel.

Capt. Porter reports seeing a large number of the dory handliners all of whom were poorly fished and waiting for squid bait to strike on the bank.

The other receipts of fish at this port today are confined to a few thousand pounds of pollock, a small fare of herring and one mackerel fare of 102 barrels. Two seiners from Cape Shore came home empty and will now go to Block Island until July 4.

Two of the little steamers fishing off here seined 80 barrels of herring yesterday and one of them went to Boston. The pollock fishing is fast drawing to a close off here for the vessels yesterday took only a few fish. Those engaged in this fishing for some time seem to think that the large schools have left this section and will not be seen again until fall. As previously reported the shore boats continue to meet with poor success for they are landing no fish and unless a change takes place many of them will withdraw from it for the time being.

The arrivals and receipts in detail are:

Today's Arrivals and Receipts.

Sch. Smuggler, Quero Bank, 275,000 lbs. salt cod.

Sch. Slade Gorton, Cape Shore, 5 bbls. salt mackerel.

Sch. Victor and Ethan, via Boston.

Sch. Agnes, via Boston.

Sch. Cynthia, Cape Shore.

Steamer Bryda F., shore, 7000 lbs. pollock.

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Steamer Bessie A., shore, 1000 lbs. pollock.

Steamer Independence, shore 35 bbls. herring.

Steamer Jeffrey, shore, 50 bbls. herring, went to Boston.

Sch. Massachusetts, Cape Shore, 102 bbls. salt mackerel.

Sch. Margaret, via Portland, 20,000 lbs. salt cod, 7000 lbs. fresh cod, 5000 lbs. fletched halibut.

Vessels Sailed.

Sch. Judique, seining.

Sch. Thomas J. Carroll, seining.

Sch. Fannie A. Prescott, seining.

Sch. Margie Smith, pollocking.

Sch. Grace Otis, pollocking.

Sch. Lillian, swordfishing.

Sch. Volant, drifting.

Sch. Romance, shacking.

Sch. Teazer, halibuting.

Today's Fish Market.

Cape Shore salt mackerel, \$15.50 per bbl.

Large halibut cod, \$3 per cwt.; medium cod, \$2.75; snappers, \$1.50.

Trawl salt Georges cod, large, \$3.50; mediums, \$3.

Large salt handline Georges cod, \$3.50; mediums, \$3.00.

Trawl bank cod, large, \$3 per cwt.; medium, \$2.75; snappers, \$1.50.

Outside sales drift Georges salt cod, \$3.50 per cwt. for large and \$3 for mediums.

Salt cusk, large, \$2.50 per cwt.; medium, \$2; snappers, \$1.

Salt pollock, \$1.25 per cwt.; salt haddock, \$1.25; salt hake, \$1.25.

Round pollock, 70 cts. per cwt.; dressed pollock, 75 cts.

Splitting prices for fresh fish, Western cod, large \$2 per cwt.; medium do., \$1.65; Eastern cod, large, \$1.60; medium cod, \$1.40; cusk, \$1.60 for large, \$1.20 for medium and 50c for snappers; haddock, 80 cts.; hake, 90 cts.; pollock, round, 65 cts.; dressed, 70 cts.